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Amendments to the Claims

The following claim listing reflects the status of the claims pending in this application.

1. ***(Previously presented)*** An arrangement for mounting a decorative ornament comprising:

a frame having an aperture, the aperture having an internal surface; and

at least one mounting post projecting from the frame, the at least one mounting post having a first end mounted to the frame and a second free end, the second free end adapted for insertion through a perforation in the ornament;

wherein the ornament is retained by the mounting post and the internal surface of the aperture when the ornament is mounted to the mounting post.

2. ***(Previously presented)*** The arrangement as recited in claim 1, wherein the first end is integrally mounted to the frame.

3. ***(Original)*** The arrangement as recited in claim 1, wherein the internal surface of the aperture comprises a continuous internal surface.

4. ***(Original)*** The arrangement as recited in claim 1, wherein the mounting post comprises a flexible mounting post.

5. ***(Original)*** The arrangement as recited in claim 4, wherein the flexible mounting post is adapted for one of elastic and plastic deflection.

6. ***(Previously presented)*** The arrangement as recited in claim 4, wherein the flexible mounting post is adapted for plastic deflection from a first position to a second position for mounting the ornament.

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7. **(Original)** The arrangement as recited in claim 6, wherein the aperture defines a plane and wherein first position is substantially parallel to the plane of the aperture and the second position is substantially non-parallel to the plane of the aperture.

8. **(Original)** The arrangement as recited in claim 1, wherein the aperture compresses one of a circular aperture, an elliptical aperture, a polygonal aperture, and a triangular aperture.

9. **(Original)** The arrangement as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one mounting post comprises a plurality of mounting posts.

10. **(Original)** The arrangement as recited in claim 1, wherein the decorative ornament comprises one of a bead, crystal, stone, and gem.

11. **(Previously presented)** A method for mounting a decorative ornament to a frame having an aperture and a flexible mounting post having a first end mounted to the frame and a second free end, the aperture having an internal surface, the method comprising:

deflecting the mounting post from a first position to a second position;

mounting the ornament on the mounting post in the second position;

deflecting the mounting post having the ornament to the first position; and

retaining the ornament in the aperture by means of the mounting post and the internal surface of the aperture.

12. **(Original)** The method as recited in claim 11, wherein deflecting comprises one of elastic deflecting and plastic deflecting.

13. **(Original)** The method of claim 11, wherein the aperture defines a plane, and wherein in the first position of the mounting post is substantially parallel to a plane of the

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aperture and wherein in the second position of the mounting post is substantially non-parallel to a plane of the aperture.

14. **(Previously presented)** The method of claim 13, wherein deflecting the mounting post from a first position to a second position comprises plastically deflecting the mounting post whereby the mounting post makes an angle of at least 5 degrees with the plane of the aperture.

15. **(Previously presented)** An ornamental fixture comprising:

a frame having at least one aperture, the at least one aperture having an internal surface; and

at least one mounting post projecting from the frame, the at least one mounting post having a first end mounted to the frame and a second free end, the second free end adapted for insertion through a perforation in the ornament;

wherein an ornament is retained by the at least one mounting post and the internal surface of the at least one aperture when the ornament is mounted to the at least one mounting post.

16. **(Original)** The ornamental fixture as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one mounting post comprises a mounting post adapted for deflection from a first position to a second position for mounting the ornament.

17. **(Original)** The arrangement as recited in claim 16, wherein the at least one aperture defines a plane and wherein the first position is substantially parallel to the plane of the aperture and the second position is substantially non-parallel to the plane of the aperture.

18. **(Original)** The ornamental fixture as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one aperture comprises a plurality of apertures and the at least one mounting post comprises a plurality of mounting posts.

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19. **(Original)** The ornamental fixture as recited in claim 15, wherein the ornamental fixture comprises a light fixture.

20. **(Original)** The ornamental fixture as recited in claim 15, wherein the light fixture comprises one of a chandelier, lamp, and wall sconce.

21. **(Previously presented)** An arrangement for mounting a decorative ornament having an axis and a mounting hole that does not pass through the center of gravity of the ornament, the arrangement comprising:

a frame having a surface and an aperture; and

at least one mounting post projecting from the frame, the mounting post having a first end mounted to the frame and a second free end, the second free end adapted for insertion through the mounting hole of the ornament;

wherein when the ornament is mounted to the mounting post, the axis of the ornament makes an angle greater than 0 degrees with the vertical.

22. **(Original)** The arrangement as recited in claim 21, wherein the axis of the ornament makes an angle greater than 5 degrees with the vertical.

23. **(Original)** The arrangement as recited in claim 21, wherein the surface of the frame defines a line which makes an angle ϕ with the vertical, and wherein the axis of the ornament makes an angle θ with the vertical, and wherein angle θ is about equal to angle ϕ .

24. **(Original)** The arrangement as recited in claim 21, wherein the surface of the frame defines a line which makes an angle ϕ with the vertical, and wherein the axis of the ornament makes an angle θ with the vertical, and wherein angle θ is not equal to angle ϕ .

25. **(Original)** The arrangement as recited in claim 1, wherein the ornament is further retained by an adjacent ornament.

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26. **(Original)** The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the method further comprises retaining the ornament in the aperture by means of contact with an adjacent ornament.

27. **(Original)** The ornamental fixture as recited in claim 15, wherein the ornament is further retained by an adjacent ornament.

28. **(Previously presented)** The arrangement as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one mounting post projects into the aperture.

29. **(Previously presented)** The arrangement as recited in claim 1, wherein the ornament includes an axis and the ornament peroration does not pass through a center of gravity of the ornament, and wherein the ornament is retained by the mounting post and the internal surface of the aperture wherein the axis of the ornament makes an angle greater than 0 degrees with a vertical line.

30. **(Previously presented)** The arrangement as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one mounting post projects into the aperture.

31. **(Previously presented)** The arrangement as recited in claim 15, wherein the ornament includes an axis and the ornament peroration does not pass through a center of gravity of the ornament, and wherein the ornament is retained by the mounting post and the internal surface of the aperture wherein the axis of the ornament makes an angle greater than 0 degrees with a vertical line.

32. **(Previously presented)** The arrangement as recited in claim 21, wherein the at least one mounting post comprises a first end mounted to the frame and a second free end.